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FOR PM/DTC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP: BLUE LANTERN POST LICENSE
END USE CHECKS ON LICENSES 05-801368, 05-
828803, AND 05-838504

REF: A) STATE 72510; B) STATE 219276; C)
STATE 219278

11. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFTEL REQUESTS FOR POST-
LICENSE

CHECKS ON LICENSES 05-801368, 05-828803 AND
05-838504. THE FIRST TWO INVOLVE EXPORT OF
OVER \$100.000 WORTH OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS
TO A.T.P. S.R.L. IN ITALY. THE LATTER
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INVOLVES EXPORT OF TECHNICAL DATA TO
LUXEMBOURG.

12. WITH RESPECT TO LICENSES 05-801368/05-828803, THE
EMBASSY

SENT TWO WRITTEN REQUESTS TO THE ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, JANUARY 4 AND 16, 2002,
TO CONFIRM THE DESTINATION AND THE MOTIVATION
FOR EXPORT OF SUBJECT MATERIAL, AND TO VERIFY
THE BONA FIDES OF A.T.P. S.R.L. THE EMBASSY
REQUESTED GOI ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE
ADDRESS OF ATP AS PRIOR RESEARCH REVEALED
THAT IT IS NOT LISTED UNDER THIS NAME IN THE
ITALIAN COMMERCIAL DIRECTORIES.

13. DR. BOCCI, OUR CONTACT AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE,
ITALIAN

DIRECTORATE FOR ARMAMENTS, PROVIDED US WITH
CONTACT INFORMATION ON A.T.P. S.R.L. AND
CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE FIRM IS KNOWN TO
THEM AS A SHOOTING CLUB. HOWEVER, FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS SPECIFIC
EXPORT, HE PASSED OUR REQUEST TO THE JOINT
CHIEF OF STAFF DEFENSE OFFICE, THE COMPETENT
ITALIAN AUTHORITY, FOR A FORMAL REPLY.
EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT
ATP A NUMBER OF TIMES, VIA PHONE AND FAX, BUT
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH THE COMPANY.
EMBASSY ALSO SENT A NOTE DIRECTLY TO THE
ITALIAN JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF DEFENSE OFFICE
TO SOLICIT A SWIFT REPLY.

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14. REGARDING LICENSE 05-838504 OF THE FIRM PROGRES (EXPORT
OF

TECHNICAL DATA TO LUXEMBOURG) THE STATUS IS
SIMILAR. THE EMBASSY'S MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
CONTACT CONFIRMED THAT THIS COMPANY IS WELL
KNOWN TO THEM, ON A GENERAL BASIS, AS IT
WORKS IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR AND DOES BUSINESS
WITH NATO. HOWEVER, TO CONFIRM USE AND
DESTINATION OF SUBJECT MATERIAL, FURTHER
INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED. HE INFORMED US
THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM THE
ITALIAN JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF DEFENSE OFFICE.
WE HAVE WRITTEN DIRECTLY TO THE JOINT CHIEF
OF STAFF DEFENSE OFFICE TO SOLICIT A SWIFT
REPLY.

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